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TO: DENR-DWR-Wetlands-Public Listserv

FROM: Karen Higgins, 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch

RE: Proposed Riparian Buffer Mitigation and Nutrient Offset BPDP in the Neuse Basin – Wildlands Holdings II, LLC

The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice is available electronically at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/401-wetlands-buffer-permits/401-public-notices>.

I. Proposed Riparian Buffer Mitigation and Nutrient Offset Bank Parcel Development Package in the Neuse Basin

A Mitigation Banking Instrument (MBI) for the North Fork Little River Nutrient Offset and Buffer Mitigation Bank for Wildlands Holdings, LLC was posted on public notice March 16, 2016. The comment period for the MBI ended on April 1, 2016.

Wildlands Holdings II, LLC has submitted a proposed Bank Parcel Development Package (BPDP) for the North Fork Little River Nutrient Offset and Buffer Mitigation Bank Parcel, which is located in the Upper Falls Watershed of the Neuse River Basin (8-digit USGS HUC 03020201) near Bahama, in Durham County.

The proposed bank parcel will be used to generate approximately 32 acres of Neuse riparian buffer and/or nutrient offset mitigation. Restoration of Neuse riparian buffers will provide approximately 15 acres (653,400 ft²) of Neuse riparian buffer credits. Restoration of other riparian areas will generate approximately 17.3 acres of nutrient offset credits which yields 39,323.25 pounds of nitrogen and 2,532.72 pounds of phosphorous.

Nutrient offset credits generated at this proposed site can be used to satisfy nutrient offset requirements for development projects pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0240 and located within the 8-digit USGS HUC 03020201 of the Upper and Lower Falls Lake Watersheds. Neuse riparian buffer credits generated at this proposed bank site can be used to satisfy buffer mitigation requirements for impacts pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0295 within the Neuse River Basin.

The proposed North Fork Little River Nutrient Offset and Buffer Mitigation Bank Parcel BPDP can be found online at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/401-wetlands-buffer-permits/401-public-notices>. Persons wishing to comment are invited to submit their comments in writing to Katie Merritt at (katie.merritt@ncdenr.gov or 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617). All comments received by DWR by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 29, 2016 will be considered during preparation and approval of the final BPDP. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Merritt at 919-807-6371.